

DEAR LITTLE AMBER.

At the sound of a football in the corridor he laid down his pen and leaned wearily back in his big arm-chair. Presently a hand thrust back the curtain from the doorway and his wife entered. She was gowned for the evening in her favorite color—dull yellow. There were diamonds at her throat and in her gold-brown hair. She looked radiant with pleasure.

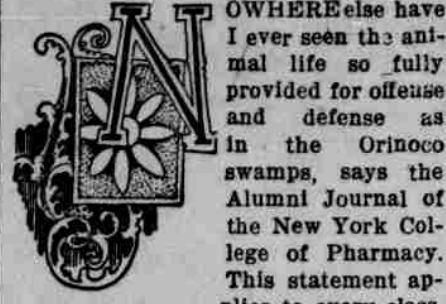
ACCOMMODATING.

B Landlord in Kansas Who Took the Medal for Being Obliging. "I stopped at a very small town in Kansas a few weeks ago," said L. M. Martinez at the Raleigh. "I had been in the town once before, and knew where the hotel was. It was late at night when I got off the train and went to the hotel. After repeatedly knocking and shaking the door the landlord let me in.

SWAMPS OF ORINOCO.

VAST STRETCHES OF TERRITORY UNEXPLORED MAN.

Ferocity of the Reptiles and Birds—Alligators That Are Not Slow in Attacking Men—The Deadly Caribfish—Fall of Fierce Animals.



Nowhere else have I ever seen the animal life so fully provided for offense and defense as in the Orinoco swamps, says the Alumni Journal of the New York College of Pharmacy.

Reference has already been made to the abundance of serpents as seen when they are disturbed by the inundation of their meadows. The forests are equally full of them.

The Wandering Fish.

The Baltimore Sun prints the following: "A skeleton of a fish is prized very highly as a curiosity by Mr. Augustus Benoit of the little two-masted schooner Ernest Dacosta of Halifax, which arrived yesterday from the West Indies. "That is," said Mr. Benoit, while showing his prize, "the skeleton of what is known as the wandering fish, and there are not half a dozen other specimens in the world. The name has been applied to it because so few have been captured.

New Style of Canvasers.

The up-to-date canvasser now travels in a bunch. Under the direction of managers and chaperons, companies of lady agents will soon be touring the country, judging from the advent of such an organization here. They hold rehearsals, just like their theatrical sisters, and each girl is thoroughly coached as to what to say and how to say it.

WORTH KNOWING.

Two wealthy Hebrews of Bagdad now own all that remains of the ancient town of Babylon.

Three hundred thousand tons of vegetables, valued at \$25,000,000, were sold in the city of Paris in 1895.

Six couples living within a circuit of one mile at Milford, N. H., have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries.

A floral bicycle was the funeral tribute recently made by a Lewiston (Me.) hot-house for bereaved cyclomaniac friends of a young man who had lived there.

A stranger in Manistich, Mich., recently engaged eighty men to work on the railroad. They were grateful, and bought him drinks for a week before they found out it was a trick.

Prairie schooners bound East are the spectacles to which Nebraskans around Arapahoe are treated now. The people are being forced away from the Southwestern country by drought.

Seaweed, though not the diet for an epicure, is, when dry, richer than oatmeal or Indian corn in nitrogenous constituents, and takes rank among the most nutritious of vegetable foods.

The Japanese are now getting used to glass. At first, glass in a railway carriage window had to be smeared with streaks of white paint to keep passengers from poking their heads through it.

Hessian graves at Bennington, Vt., were decorated recently by a 10-year-old girl whose family is summering there. It is said to be the first time that any flowers have been strewn over them.

The Bicycle Fad.

The bicycle girl Is all in a whirl As she rides o'er the roads in the park. And the bicycle man, With a suit spick and span, Is with her from daylight till dark.

The reason this fad, Which we've certainly had, Has been able so quickly to rise, Is because the bicycle makers Believe in newspapers, And in the good ones advertise.

Excited His Admiration.

Boy—Any hickory nuts in these woods? Farmer—Yes, lots of 'em, and I've got a dog that eat a calf yesterday. Boy—All right; then I guess he won't be hungry to-day. Don't let anybody know how you scared me. Farmer (after being left alone)—By gum! I wish I was startin' in life agin and had that boy's chance!—Cleveland Leader.

Almost Betrayed Himself.

Johnny—Pa, gimme a quarter to go to the Bashy Bazooks. Pa—No, my son, you mustn't go there this week. The show ain't fit to be seen. Johnny—How do you know? Pa—Ain't I been there every ni—I mean a friend of mine told me so.—Cleveland Leader.

Definition.



Miss Scorcher Darkly—How is do whitewashin' industry, Misto' Kal? Kal Somine—Oney middlin', Miss. Some days I does nothin', and some days I does twice as much agin.

The Proper Attitude.

"There's just one thing about this financial question," said the confident young man, "that I don't understand." His father gazed at him and exclaimed:

"There's no use, my son, in your coming to me for information. If you've gotten that subject mastered to such a degree that there's only one thing about it that you don't understand, it isn't my place to say a word. The thing for me to do is to drag up a footstool, sit down on it, look up in your eyes and drink in wisdom."—Washington Star.

Definitions.

Question—What is a politician? Answer—A politician is a man who understands politics. Q.—What is politics? A.—Politics is the art of getting a \$700 man a \$3,000 job. Q.—Is that all there is to politics? A.—No. Q.—What else? A.—The man has to study out a way to get re-elected to his \$3,000 job without spending \$2,900 with the boys.—Chicago Journal.

He Invited It.

He—I fell in love with you the first time I ever saw you. What did you think of me? She—I thought it was a pity you were so thin that you would never look well in knickerbockers. Then he wandered out into the moonlight night and kicked six pickets off the fence.—Cleveland Leader.

Melancholy.

The melancholy days have come, And saddening are the sights That greet the eye, but the days are not A marker to the nights. 'Neath cotton sheet and counterpane You shivering cry: "When will Thou, O, thou hangy landlady, Put on that winter quilt?"—Detroit Tribune.

Pleased the Boys.

The New Parson (in Arizona)—Mr. Roundup, may I ask if my discourse yesterday created a favorable impression? Coyote Jake—Parson, I've heard more'n four dozen of the boys swear this mornin' it was the dandiest best sermon that wuz ever pulled off hyar!—Chicago Tribune.

Would Stay on the Safe Side.

Young Wife—I always thought you the bravest man in the world while we were courting. You wouldn't go to Canada in case of another war, would you, dear? "Not if the war was with Canada."—Detroit Free Press.

Worked Like a Charm.

"Sawyer, I've cured my wife's insomnia." "How did you do it?" "Had the maid get up and ring the rising bell in the middle of the night."—Chicago Record.

Nobody Blames Her.

"Queer about that woman who sings in her sleep." "I don't think so; she shows her sense in shirking the responsibility."—Chicago Record.

"SAVINGS" Clothing... \$3.00 Suits for \$4.95 Harness... \$10.00 Harness for \$5.25 Sewing Machines... \$17.50 Watches... \$30.00 Watches for \$5.25

GOOD WORDS FOR THE HORSE.

One Who Ought to Know Says Good Horses Are as Much in Demand as Ever. From the St. Louis Republic.—Col. Ed Butler is authority for the statement that there are more horses in St. Louis now than there ever have been in the entire history of the city.

TO KEEP A BOY AMUSED.

Puzzles and Games to Be Opened at Stations Along the Route. Last week my sister was constrained to send her youngest son a long railway journey. She was greatly puzzled to know what to do to amuse the child during the weary hours of traveling, as he was too young to entertain himself by reading.

THE ELECTION OF JUDGES.

Ex-President Harrison's Objection to the Mode of Selection. Ex-President Harrison writes of "The Judicial Department of the Government" in the Ladies' Home Journal, and says with reference to the general mode of selecting Judges in the majority of states: "There has been much discussion as to the proper tenure for the judicial office, and the tendency, as expressed in the later State constitutions, has been in favor of limited terms.